

**U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:19-cv-00797-CJN**

MORLEY v. BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL
RESERVE SYSTEM

Assigned to: Judge Carl J. Nichols
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 03/21/2019

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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03/21/2019	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-6015044) filed by JEFFERSON MORLEY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons USADC, # <u>3</u> Summons USAG, # <u>4</u> Summons Fed)(Moss, Bradley) (Entered: 03/21/2019)
03/22/2019		Case Assigned to Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly. (zef,) (Entered: 03/22/2019)
03/22/2019	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent)(zef,) (Entered: 03/22/2019)
03/28/2019	<u>3</u>	ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE COLLEEN KOLLAR-KOTELLY. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 03/27/19. (DM) (Entered: 03/28/2019)

04/04/2019	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 4/1/2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit USAG receipt)(Moss, Bradley) (Entered: 04/04/2019)
04/04/2019	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 3/29/2019. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 4/28/2019. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit USADC receipt)(Moss, Bradley) (Entered: 04/04/2019)
04/29/2019	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Daniel Patrick Schaefer on behalf of BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 04/29/2019)
04/29/2019	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.(Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 04/29/2019)
04/29/2019	<u>8</u>	ORDER. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 4/29/2019. (lcckk3) (Entered: 04/29/2019)
04/29/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Meet & Confer Statement due by 5/27/2019. (dot) (Entered: 04/30/2019)
05/28/2019	<u>9</u>	STATUS REPORT by JEFFERSON MORLEY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Moss, Bradley) (Entered: 05/28/2019)
05/29/2019		Minute Order: The Court is in receipt of the parties' <u>9</u> Joint Status Report. Defendant states that it is currently consulting with two submitters of information to determine and resolve any objections to the release of the potentially confidential information. Defendant indicates that it expects to make a final determination and issue a final response on both submitters' records by July 31, 2019. Plaintiff argues that the delay in obtaining a response from the submitters of the potentially confidential information is unreasonable. Plaintiff requests that the Court require final processing and release of the non-exempt responsive records by the June 30, 2019. Plaintiff explains that due to communication issues, Defendant has not had the opportunity to respond to Plaintiff's specific concerns about timing. The Court ORDERS Defendant to file a short Status Report by JUNE 5, 2019, responding to Plaintiff's concerns about the timing of the processing and release of the responsive documents. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 5-29-2019. (lcckk3) (Entered: 05/29/2019)
05/29/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant's Status Report due by 6/5/2019, responding to Plaintiff's concerns about the timing of the processing and release of the responsive documents. (dot) (Entered: 05/30/2019)
06/05/2019	<u>10</u>	STATUS REPORT by BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM. (Schaefer, Daniel) (Entered: 06/05/2019)
06/07/2019		Minute Order: The Court is in receipt of the Defendant's <u>10</u> Status Report. Defendant reports that, in reviewing Plaintiff's FOIA request it identified nearly 4,000 pages submitted to the Board by two third parties requesting confidential treatment. The Board now requires time to confer with the third parties to determine whether the requests for confidential treatment are valid. Because the Defendant is conferring with third parties in an effort to determine whether or not the third-party submissions can be released to Plaintiff, the Court finds that Defendant's timeline for issuing a final determination and final response on July 31, 2019 is reasonable. The Court ORDERS the parties to file a Joint Status Report by AUGUST 14, 2019, informing the Court on next steps for moving forward. Signed by Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly on 6/7/2019. (lcckk3) (Entered: 06/07/2019)
06/07/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/14/2019, informing the Court on next steps for moving forward. (dot) (Entered: 06/12/2019)
06/24/2019		Case directly reassigned to Judge Carl J. Nichols. Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly is no longer assigned to the case. (ztnr) (Entered: 06/24/2019)
07/29/2019	<u>11</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Mark Steven Zaid on behalf of JEFFERSON MORLEY (Zaid, Mark) (Entered: 07/29/2019)

08/14/2019	<u>12</u>	STATUS REPORT by JEFFERSON MORLEY. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Moss, Bradley) (Entered: 08/14/2019)
08/20/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the Parties' <u>12</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the Parties submit an additional Joint Status Report by September 13, 2019. Signed by Judge Carl J. Nichols on August 20, 2019. (lccjn1) (Entered: 08/20/2019)